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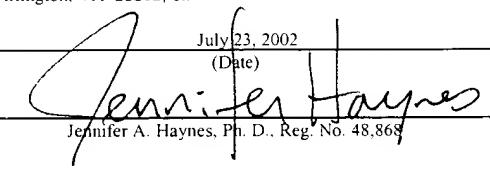
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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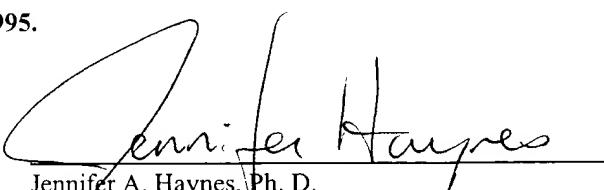
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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

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Dear Sir:

The following communication is an Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 (Paper No. 10), filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to that Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub 01 1. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ A compact sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport, said apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein the inner boiler has a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

Sub 02 9. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said sealing screw is operated by means of an electromotor of which the operating phases are operated by said process computer.

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